



74th Student Senate Finance Committee

[09/16/22, 5:00] | [<https://fsu.zoom.us/j/9745164143>]

Call to Order: 5:02 p.m.

Members Present: 5

Members Tardy: 0

Members Absent: 1

Guests: 6

Land Acknowledgement

The Student Government of Florida State University acknowledges that it is located on land that is the ancestral and traditional territory of the Apalachee Nation, the Miccosukee Tribe of Florida, the Muscogee Creek Nation, and the Seminole Tribe of Florida. We pay respect to their Elders past and present and extend that respect to their descendants and to all Indigenous people. We recognize this land remains scarred by the histories and ongoing legacies of settler-colonial violence, dispossession, and removal. In spite of all this, and with tremendous resilience, these Indigenous Nations have remained deeply connected to this territory, to their families, to their communities, and to their cultural ways of life. We recognize the ongoing relationships of care that these Indigenous Nations maintain with this land and extend our gratitude as we live and work as humble and respectful guests upon their territory. We encourage all to learn about and educate others on the contemporary work of the Indigenous Nations whose land we are on and to endeavor to support Indigenous sovereignty in all the ways that we can.

Announcements:

- Chair
 - Thank you so much everyone for coming I appreciate all of you being here. I know we want to get through this quickly and efficiently with the game and everything being tonight.

Committee Business:

- **Consent Resolution 26-** FSU's Women's Health Day
- **Consent Resolution 25-** The Biomedical Engineering Society, Women in Business, The Society of Women Engineers, NABE at FSU

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- **Consent Resolution 26 - Sponsored by Chair Wyatt**

- Opening Statement:

- Hi Finance, nice to see you guys again. I am here to present Consent Resolution 26. The only line item that we are going to be funding this week is Who We Play For who is setting up a Women's Health Day in partnership with Health Services or the College of Health. They are setting up EKG testing, free for all students on Landis Green. So the amount they were originally asking for was \$8,545 at first and that was to cover \$1,545 that was to go to the actual tech and set up to be able to go start the doctors to be able to come in and allow student to get EKG testing. And it was also going to cost \$20 per EKG and they estimated about 350 students will be coming and getting EKGs done. This is important to them because they say that 1 in every 100 cases that they do EKGs on they detect a real heart condition, and they are able to save lives. Normally EKGs can cost \$150 for someone to just go into the doctor so for them to be able to get this down to just \$20 per EKG is huge. Unfortunately, \$8,545 is almost a tenth of all of PAC's budget so we decided not to fund them that full amount. We decided that we are going to give them \$1,545 for the tent so they can actually set up the area on Landis green on Women's Health Day. And then we are going to be able to fund 60 EKGs for them. But they are able to get outside funding from different areas so they will be able to still do the EKG tests. PAC was just there to help them and give them as much money as we saw fit, but they are still able to fund the event no matter how much money we end up giving them so without the \$8,000 they will still be able to put on the event. They are going to be advertising through social media and it's going to be open to everyone, so they are really hitting all of the boxes and it's a really great opportunity for our campus.

- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:

- None

- **Senator Folwell moves to enter round-table discussion; Senator Allaman seconds**

- Round-Table Discussion:

- Senator Folwell: I was in the PAC meeting, and we talked about how much we should fund them. This is one of the higher things obviously \$8,545 is a lot especially this early in the year but it's a solid piece of funding.

- **Senator Pedraja moves to call the question; Senator Folwell seconds**

- Closing Statement:

- I don't have much else to say this is a great opportunity. I know they will be super happy and hopefully we will be able to save some lives.

- Vote:

- Yes: [4] Senator Pedraja, Senator Folwell, Senator Allaman, Senator Rivera
- No: [0]
- Abstain: [0]
- Abstain: [0]

- **RESULT: CONSENT RESOLUTION 26 PASSES**
- **Consent Resolution 25 - Sponsored by Chair Rider**
 - Opening Statement:
 - Chair Rider: Thank you so much hello everyone, happy game day! So, to start out with the Biomedical Engineering Society there's a lot of great notes in the minutes so basically this event they're going to the Biomedical Engineering Society 2022 annual meeting I included their social media handle. So, they did come in with a pretty heavy request and as you can see we did cut them down already by a lot. So, they originally came in with \$12,537, and then we cut them down to \$5,925. They're already paying so many things out of pocket, and this would be great for them they are a great RSO, and they do so much on campus. They are already paying for lodging and travel expenses because they will be traveling so we will be only covering their registration fee because it's \$395 per person so obviously they don't want to be paying \$400 out of pocket. They have done some fundraising in the past year and they do charge dues but what's nice with this club is that their dues are a little bit lower so it's more accessible for people on campus. So, these students were chosen based on interest to attend the meeting and they obviously advertised so in your deliberations you can really see that. They are taking FAMU students as well so this is a really cool opportunity for the engineering school because it brings FAMU and FSU together but obviously we are only funding FSU side of this, and I will yield with that and take any questions you have.
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - Senator Folwell: Just to clarify, you mentioned this, but this \$5,925 is only going toward the registration of FSU students, correct?
 - Chair Rider: That is correct.
 - **Folwell moves to enter round-table discussion; Pedraja seconds**
 - Round-Table Discussion:
 - None
 - **Folwell moves to call the question; Allaman seconds**
 - Closing Statement:
 - None
 - Vote:
 - Yes: [4] Senator Pedraja, Senator Folwell, Senator Allaman, Senator Rivera
 - No: [0]
 - Abstain: [0]
 - Abstain: [0]
 - Opening Statement:
 - Chair Rider: The name of this event is called the Inter College Business Convention Center and the Women in Business is another prominent club in their College of Business here at Florida State. They are requesting for an event that is going on November 4th through the 6th. So again, you can see that we decided to fund them in the line items of travel expense, mileage, lodging, and registration. They came in requesting for everything and what we did was cut their request in half just because of the amount of people they have going on their trip. We talked to the Women in

Business and asked them if this is applicable for you guys, and they agreed. I'm rooting for this number because I think they could do some more fundraising here. They uphold professional enrichment and education among FSU's most ambitious students. The Florida State University's College of Business leadership council began with the Women in Business organization to both promote awareness of the dynamic of women in today's business environment and establish a form for a critical discourse of that role. In our deliberations you can see really a good line by line of how we cut everything so as for the lodging they are requesting for five rooms, so there will be four people in each room and it's going to be for two nights, and they did take the cheapest rate. The hotel where the convention is taking place is way too expensive for them to stay here so that's why they chose this one. As for mileage that's between driving to the Jacksonville airport because Tallahassee is too expensive right now and they are going to Boston so it's a little bit further and then you can see the motion that my committee made to cut each line item in half.

- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - None
- **Folwell moves to enter round-table discussion; Allaman seconds**
- Round-Table Discussion:
 - Senator Folwell: I'll speak in favor. It sounds like they have done everything right, I'm going to vote in favor.
- **Pedraja moves to call the question; Allaman seconds**
- Closing Statement:
 - This organization did come in very prepared, and they definitely did their research on tickets and hotels. They knew this was the cheapest hotel they did their research what would be the cheapest for their members. I would not want to move this number down just to make sure their members don't have to pay any more out of pocket.
- Vote:
 - Yes: [4] Senator Pedraja, Senator Folwell, Senator Allaman, Senator Rivera
 - No: [0]
 - Abstain: [0]
 - Abstain: [0]
- Opening Statement:
 - Chair Rider: The Society of Women Engineers came in and we decided to fund them with the full \$1,125 only in the line-item registration. They are covering everything else out of pocket and they figured out a way for their engineers they have. They had one of the best presentations RTAC has ever seen. They came in with a presentation and they screenshotted everything that they need from statutes. They honestly killed it. I don't think that this is a lot considering that they are bringing the most people as a group and they are requesting the least. I think that they deserve this money. They empower women to achieve their goals as leaders and they are trying to expand this into engineering and technology professions as a positive force for improving the quality of life and demonstrating the value of diversity and inclusion. This conference is going to allow them to gain confidence and insight into professional careers as well as a life balance so I think we should fully fund them for the line item of registration.

- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - Senator Folwell: You funded them in full right?
 - Chair Rider: Yes, that's correct.
- **Folwell moves to enter round-table discussion; Allaman seconds**
- Round-Table Discussion:
 - Chair Hockett: This is a big group and a lot of people dedicated to their craft and to bettering ourselves in going to colleges like this and I think they're great experiences to network especially since it is the beginning of internship season.
- **Folwell moves to call the question; Allaman seconds**
- Closing Statement:
 - Chair Rider: Thank you so much. I think that this is another great organization as this is a good amount of funding for them. The least we can do is cover this minimum that they requested.
- Vote:
 - Yes: [4] Senator Pedraja, Senator Folwell, Senator Allaman, Senator Rivera
 - No: [0]
 - Abstain: [0]
 - Abstain: [0]
- Opening Statement:
 - Chair Rider: They are also going to an event and the mission of NABE is to prepare all transitional and applied economics majors and minors to the professional world that they will meet after they graduate. This conference is going to allow them to maintain their national presence as a premier chapter out of the university and provides opportunities to network but also represent FSU at a national level. Members may enjoy networking opportunities with top leaders and stay up to date on relevant economic issues. Basically, what we decided to deliberate in RTAC was the total of \$3,960 for travel that you will see so that will be for their flights. You can see that they are paying out of pocket as well for a lot of things because they are traveling for lodging and airfare. They came to RTAC once and then they came back because they updated statuses so you can tell they are really dedicated because they wanted to go back and do what they need to do to get funded and if you have any questions, I would be happy to answer them.
- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - None
- **Folwell moves to enter round-table discussion; Pedraja seconds**
- Round-Table Discussion:
 - None
- **Folwell moves to call the question; Pedraja seconds**
- Closing Statement:
 - Chair Rider: Thank you guys this is the last line item I definitely think that I will have a lot more details prepared for Senate, and I will make sure that a lot more RSO's will come to Senate because I know this is a larger CR.
- Vote:
 - Yes: [4] Senator Pedraja, Senator Folwell, Senator Allaman, Senator Rivera
 - No: [0]

- Abstain: [0]
- Abstain: [0]

- **RESULT: CONSENT RESOLUTION 25 PASSES**
- **Bill 75 - Sponsored by Senator Folwell**
 - Opening Statement:
 - Senator Folwell: Good afternoon, Finance I hope you are doing well. This is a very straight forward bill. It is designed to give PAC some leeway in terms of funding items of clothing. When Chair Wyatt was running to be PAC chair, he did say in his election speech he made it that the current prices or maxes are too low, and we saw this with the Korean Student Union Association a little bit ago when we could not fund as much as we wanted to because of that statue. I also included a clause to allow the senate to overrule this restriction, this is pretty standard practice of the finance code, and you can even see a similar expectation being on the bill itself, Section A1 has one. So, it takes three-fourths vote of Finance committee to overrule this, sometimes it takes two-thirds of senate or anything along those lines.
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - Senator Allaman: Does it raise it to a specific number or is it upon review of the senate?
 - Senator Folwell: It changes by number.
 - **Allaman moves to enter round-table discussion; Pedraja seconds**
 - Round-Table Discussion:
 - Senator Allaman: I want to support this; the number is too low it has been several times in the past year when the numbers just haven't been able to cover what people have requested and this helps get it more on track normally and allows us to review it in special cases as well.
 - **Pedraja moves to call the question; Allaman seconds**
 - Closing Statement:
 - None
 - Vote:
 - Yes: [3] Senator Pedraja, Senator Allaman, Senator Rivera
 - No: [0]
 - Abstain: [1] Senator Folwell
 - Abstain: [0]
 - **RESULT: BILL 75 PASSES**

Unfinished Business:

- None

Closing Announcements:

- Chair Hockett
 - Thank you all for coming at 5:00p.m. on a Friday, I know it's not the best thing to do on a Friday. My schedule is booked, and I know all of your schedules are booked but I really appreciate you guys showing up and for participating.
- Vice-Chair Rivera
 - I just wanted to make the announcement that we changed next week's meeting time to 11:00a.m. on next Friday instead of 5:00p.m. just to make

accommodations for Family Weekend and everything going on. Other than that, thanks everyone for showing up and getting all the work done.

Next Meeting: 09/23/22 at 11:00 a.m.

Adjourned: 5:46 p.m.

Signature of TJ Hockett